



\_\_\_ Petition for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the extension of time.

X No fee is required.

\_\_\_ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

\_\_\_ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Katsutomo OHZEKI et al.  
Serial No.: 09/254,316 Group: 1754  
Filed: March 4, 1999 Examiner: S. Hendrickson  
For: GRAPHITE POWDER FOR NEGATIVE ELECTRODE OF LITHIUM  
ION SECONDARY CELL AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE  
SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 12, 2000, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4-6 without prejudice or disclaimer of any of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) In a graphite material for the negative electrode of a lithium ion secondary cell which material is capable of occluding or releasing lithium ions, the improvement [comprising that] wherein said graphite material absorbs or is coated with a surface active [effect] material consisting

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